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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AND FIRST VISIT TO SEYCHELLES

SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS DURING FIRST VISIT TO SEYCHELLES, I WAS ABLE TO COMPLETE A VERY USEFUL ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT, CABINET MINISTERS, OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PLUS ALL RESIDENT AMBASSADORS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN FIRST DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT RENE, HE EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH POSITIVE U.S. POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA AND UNDERSCORED THE POINT THAT NEW NATIONS, WHATEVER THEIR SIZE, PREFER TRUE NON-ALIGNMENT IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND REJECT BASIC ASSUMPTIONS OF BLOC POLITICS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY SUGGESTION TO PRESIDENT RENE THAT USG WOULD WELCOME APPOINTMENT OF SEYCHELLES AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON, HE INFORMED ME THAT HE WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT SEYCHELLES HIGH COMMISSIONER TO LONDON WAS ALSO ACCREDITED TO WASHINGTON AS WELL AS UN. WHEN INFORMED SUCH WAS NOT THE CASE, HE SAID HE WOULD PURSUE MATTER WITH CABINET SINCE AMBASSADORIAL ACCREDITATION TO

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WASHINGTON WAS BOTH APPROPRIATE AND DESIREABLE.

3. MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS REAFFIRMED SEYCHELLES GOVERNMENT SATISFACTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS COVERING U.S. TRACKING STATION AND ADDED THAT THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN STATION PERSONNEL AND SEYCHELLES CITIZENRY HAD IN FACT CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO

COUNTRIES. SINON INFORMED ME THAT HE WOULD BE LEADING HIS GOVERNMENT'S DELEGATION TO NEXT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WOULD HOPEFULLY USE BRIEF VISIT TO STATES TO ALSO PROMOTE SEYCHELLES TOURISM IN U.S.

4. AGRICULTURE MINISTER FERRARI EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR ONGOING SUPPORT FROM USG FOR MODEST PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND PLANT DISEASE CONTROL PLUS IMPORTANT SCHOOL CHILDREN FEEDING PROGRAM. MINISTER FERRARI EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD BE ABLE TO INCREASE SPECIALIZED SUPPORT FOR FOOD CROP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THROUGH REDSO PROGRAM. MINISTRY IS PLANNING MAJOR EFFORT TO DEVELOP FISHERIES INDUSTRY IN SEYCHELLES AND HAS BEEN PROMISED ASSISTANCE IN THIS SECTOR BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

5. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH PEACE CORPS ASSISTANCE AND WILL REQUEST CONTINUED SUPPORT OF PC UNTIL SEYCHELLOIS PERSONNEL CAN BE DEVELOPED TO TAKE OVER SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE PROVIDED BY PCV'S. EDUCATION MINISTRY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING TWO OR THREE FELLOWSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE TRAINING IN AFRICA OR U.S. UNIVERSITIES EACH YEAR IN SPECIALIZED FIELDS SINCE NO HIGHER EDUCATION AVAILABLE IN COUNTRY.

6. IN GENERAL MY IMPRESSIONS FOLLOWING FIRST VISIT SEYCHELLES POSITIVE BOTH IN REGARD SERIOUS COMMITMENT RENE GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY AND BRING MAXIMUM PROSPERITY
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TO SEYCHELLOIS AND DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND GOOD RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN USG AND GOS.

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